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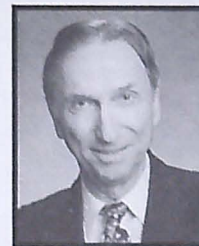
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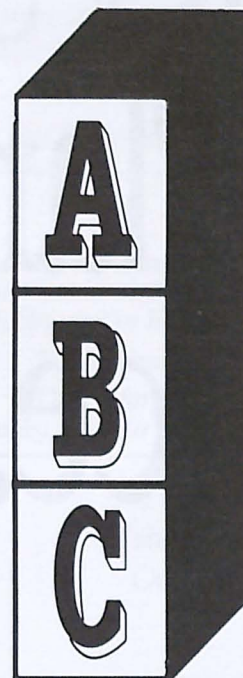
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For further information, please contact Don Schlader at (502) 267-7464.

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"From This Moment On"

Act I

Thoroughbred Chorus In Concert
The Way Over 40-Four Harold Fow, W. C. Walter,
Jerry Strange and Bruce Garwood
"Christmas Music" Thoroughbred Chorus

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Intermission - 10 minutes please ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Act II

Southern Gateway Chorus In Concert
"The Christmas Story" Dick Carlton
with the Thoroughbred Chorus

IN MEMORIAM:

IRV FILMER & JIM FULKS

These performances are dedicated to the memory of two men who made enormous contributions to our Society.

IRV FILMER:

Irv was a staunch member for 49 years. In addition to holding numerous offices, his Tenor singing was legendary.

JIM FULKS:

In addition to Chorus gold medals, Jim was editor of our monthly newspaper for nine years and in 1980, was awarded the first place gold as International Bulletin Editor of the Year.

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The Chorus' history is distinguished. That win placed Gateway number one in the world out of 820 choruses. They have accumulated 18 medals (two golds) in twenty-three international appearances. This continues Gateway's record of being the most bemedaled chorus in the world.

The Chorus has appeared in over twenty cities nationally ranging from San Francisco to Boston to New Orleans. Gateway was invited to perform last June at Carnegie Hall in New York and in July, they appeared at the S.P.E.P.S.Q.S.A. International Competition in Calgary, Alberta to award the trophy to this year's champion.

Gateway Director Jim Miller of Louisville, Kentucky, commutes to Cincinnati to direct weekly rehearsals and performances. He is known worldwide for his drive, energy, and - most of all - for his loving interpretative touch to a performance. Formerly the Director of the Louisville Thoroughbreds, Jim has now won eight gold medals, more than any other Director in the Society and is only one of three directors to have won gold medals with two different choruses. The vocal coach is Bob Mucha who himself is broadly known throughout the Society. Together they form the "M&M Team" of Gateway's musical leadership.

So don't sit back . . . sit forward in your seats and get ready to be entertained in World Champion Southern Gateway Style!



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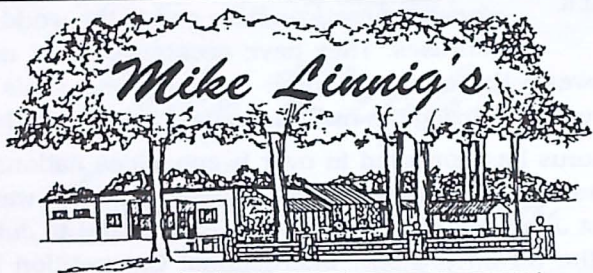


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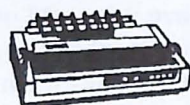


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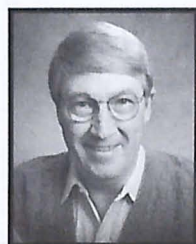
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KEN HATTON is a 23 year member of the Thoroughbreds with 12 years of experience as Associate Director. Ken is the lead of the 1978 International Champion "Bluegrass Student Union" Quartet, and past president of the Association of International Quartet Champions. Ken's father, Dwight, was a long time Thoroughbred, and his brother, Allen, is one of our former musical directors. Ken lives in Louisville with his wife, Denise, and three children, Jennifer, Julie, and Mike, where he owns an industrial equipment company.

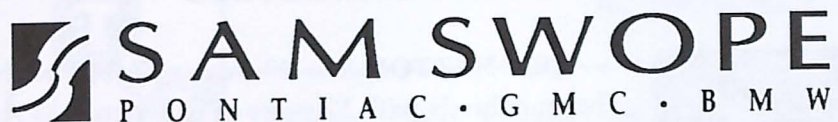
JOHN ZEHNDER was named Asst. Director under Allen Hatton in 1989. He has been a member of the Chorus since 1981 and sang tenor in the Class of '84 Quartet. John has an extensive career playing violin and piano professionally for many Broadway shows. He is presently the Keyboardist for "The Monarchs" and Musical Consultant for "Street Heat" while a Jefferson Co. Deputy Sheriff.



W.C. WALTER has been singing with the Thoroughbreds since 1969. Since he began Barbershopping in 1964 he has attained 5 gold chorus medals, co-directed the Lexington chapter, and is presently the Lead in the "Way Over Forty-Four Quartet". W.C. always enjoys a good game of golf and is owner of a printing company.

DAVE HASCH became a member of the Chorus in 1978. He has three gold chorus medals and directed the Lexington chapter for a short term. Dave was the Lead of the Cardinal District Quartet Champs, the "Class of '84". Dave is professionally known as a Cartographer. We're glad to have him back after a short sabbatical.





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The Thoroughbred Chorus can be traced back to 1945 when F.W. Drybrough, a Louisville businessman, invited a number of friends to his home to listen to a once popular style of music, barbershop harmony. This style of music was slowly being replaced by the swing era and big bands. The Louisville Chorus was conceived with a membership of 33 men and the membership soon grew into the hundreds.

The group split in 1958 with the majority of the members being interested in social affairs rather than musical excellence. The Thoroughbred Chorus was formed borrowing the name "Thoroughbred" from a quartet of that time.

The Chorus won their first regional competition in 1958 and are still undefeated in same. Since then, the Thoroughbreds have won a record seven International Championships and will travel to Pittsburgh next July in hopes of number eight.

The Thoroughbreds have sung on national television, for President Bush, and toured the United States and Canada. The directors of the Chorus have included Bill Benner, Joe Wise, Jim Miller, Ken Buckner, Allen Hatton, John Zehnder, and are now under the direction of Ken Hatton.

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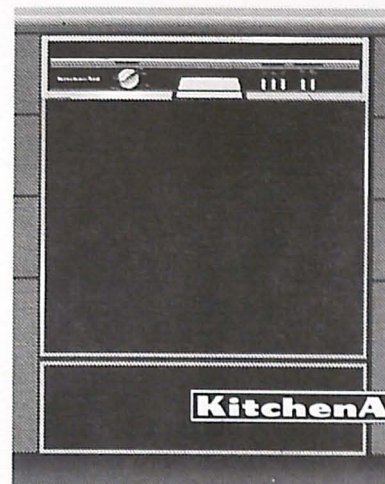
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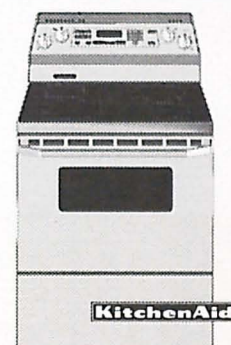
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